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SUBJECT: "CHRISTMAS PACKAGE" OF PAPERS FROM GATT

1. THE CHRISTMAS PACKAGE OF PAPERS FROM THE GATT WENT OUT AS SCHEDULED ON 23 DECEMBER 1977. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS TRIED TO HOLD UP THE MAILING UNTIL THEY COULD PREPARE AND SUBMIT OTHER TEXTS FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE SAME TIME BUT THE SECRETARIAT HELD FIRM THAT IT WAS COMMITTED TO DISTRIBUTE THESE ITEMS TODAY. UNFORTUNATELY A STREAM OF OTHER PAPERS WILL NOW COME FORWARD IN THE COMING DAYS. THE PACKAGE CONSISTED OF A COVER NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT AND THE THREE DRAFT TEXTS (TARIFF REDUCTIONS, SAFEGUARDS AND SUBSIDIES/CVD) AS SUBMITTED EARLIER.

2. FULL TEXT OF THE SECRETARIAT'S NOTE SUMMARIZING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATUS OF THE MTN IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

- SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
- NEGOTIATIONS
- NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE DATE SET FOR TABLING OF OFFERS IN CERTAIN AREAS AND THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS ON OUTSTANDING KEY ISSUES IN GENERAL CODES, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS, ETC., THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO NOTE, IN A BRIEF COM-PASS, AND ON ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY, THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE NOTE IS TO PROVIDE A CONCISE OVERVIEW OF WHERE THE NEGOTIATIONS NOW STAND, TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF DELEGATIONS TO VARIOUS DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OR ARE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SOME OR ALL OF THE DELEGATIONS, AND TO INVITE COMMENTS OR OTHER PROPOSALS.

AS MUST BE EXPECTED IN A NEGOTIATION AS COMPLEX AND AS FAR-REACHING AS THIS, THE STATUS OF THE WORK IN HAND AT THIS MOMENT DIFFERS AS AMONG THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS UNDER NEGOTIATION, SOME HAVING A CONSIDERABLY WIDER DEGREE OF SUPPORT THAN OTHERS. INDEED, EVEN IN THOSE CASES WHERE A BROAD CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE EMERGING, THERE STILL REMAIN A NUMBER OF MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE POSSIBILITY REMAINS OF ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS BEING PUT FORWARD IN ALL AREAS. IT WOULD SEEM, HOWEVER, THAT THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION IS NOW ON THE TABLE, AND THAT THERE ARE GOOD GROUNDS FOR EXPECTING 1978 TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE BEGIN UNDERLINE THE END UNDERLINE DECISIVE YEAR FOR THE MTN.

THE TOKYO DECLARATION RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT IN AREAS WHERE THIS IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRECISE WAYS IN WHICH SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT COULD BE PROVIDED. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS TO THIS END HAVE STILL TO BE WORKED OUT IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

BEGIN UNDERLINE AGRICULTURE. END UNDERLINE A REQUEST AND OFFER PROCEDURE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HAS BEEN AGREED. REQUEST AND INDICATIVE LISTS HAVE BEEN TABLED BY MOST DELEGATIONS AND OFFERS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 JANU-ARY. IN ADDITION, THE DELEGATIONS HAVE BEGUN THE EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICABILITY TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF THE DRAFT CODE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS.

BEGIN UNDERLINE GRAINS. END UNDERLINE SEVERAL DIS-
CUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD ON VARIOUS ELEMENTS CONTAINED
IN PROPOSALS REGARDING GRAINS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE
WITH REGARD TO THE THREE INTERRELATED AREAS OF TOPICS
RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF STABILIZATION OF PRICES
AND MARKETS; TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF EXPAN-
SION AND EVER GREATER LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE; AND
TOPICS RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES CONCERNING DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE OBJECTIVE OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT.
TAKING INFO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF IMPORT-
ING AND EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WORK
ON GRAINS HAS BEEN HELD UP IN RECENT MONTHS WHILE AWAIT-
ING THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION IN THE INTERNATIONAL
WHEAT COUNCIL. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT AT THE APPRO-
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PRIATE TIME THE SUB-GROUP ON GRAINS WOULD CONSIDER HOW
BEST TO INTEGRATE INTO ITS WORK ANY RESULTS OF THE WORK

GOING ON WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL
WHEAT COUNCIL.

BEGIN UNDERLINE DAIRY PRODUCTS. END UNDERLINE AT
THE REQUEST OF THE DELEGATIONS, THE SECRETARIAT HAS
PREPARED, ON ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND IN THE LIGHT
OF THE DISCUSSIONS, A TEXT BRINGING TOGETHER AND
PRESENTING IN THE MOST PRECISE TERMS POSSIBLE, THE
VARIOUS PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSALS AND THE
CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED IN THE DISCUSSION TO DATE ON
THOSE PROPOSALS. THE DOCUMENT WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY
AS MTN/DP/W/27/REV.1.

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IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS DOCUMENT AS A WORK-
ING HYPOTHESIS.

BEGIN UNDERLINE MEAT. END UNDERLINE AT THE REQUEST
OF THE DELEGATIONS, THE SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED, ON
ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUS-
SIONS, A TEXT BRINGING TOGETHER AND PRESENTING IN THE
MOST PRECISE TERMS POSSIBLE, THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS
CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSALS AND THE CONSIDERATIONS
EXPRESSED IN THE DISCUSSION TO DATE ON THOSE PROPOSALS.
THE DOCUMENT WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY AS MTN/ME/W/24/
REV.1.

WITH A VIEW TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS,
IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS DOCUMENT AS A WORK-
ING HYPOTHESIS.

BEGIN UNDERLINE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. END UNDER-
LINE. DELEGATIONS DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
HAVE IDENTIFIED THE ISSUES WHICH COULD BE TAKEN UP FOR
NEGOTIATION IN THIS AREA AND HAVE UNDERTAKEN A DETAILED
EXAMINATION OF THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE
APPROACHES FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THE DELEGATIONS NOW HAVE
BEFORE THEM AN INTEGRATED DRAFT TEXT (MTN/NTM/W/133)
PUTTING TOGETHER THE DRAFT PROVISIONS WHICH HAVE SO FAR
BEEN SUBMITTED ON THE SUBJECT AND HAVE AGREED TO FOCUS
THEIR ATTENTION ON THE ELEMENTS IN THIS TEXT AT THE
NEXT MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT.

BEGIN UNDERLINE SECTORS. END UNDERLINE DELEGATIONS
HAVE EXAMINED THE SECTOR APPROACH AS A "COMPLEMENTARY
TECHNIQUE" FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. SOME DELEGATIONS
HAVE STRESSED THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THIS
APPROACH FOR ATTACKING AT ONE TIME THE WHOLE RANGE OF

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OBSTACLES AFFECTING TRADE IN CERTAIN PRODUCT GROUPS. OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE CONSIDERED THAT CLARIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS NEEDED BEFORE THIS APPROACH IS PURSUED FURTHER. THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THIS APPROACH REMAINS OPEN. THE SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT A DELEGATION WILL BE SUBMITTING SHORTLY A WORKING HYPOTHESIS FOR NEGOTIATION IN CERTAIN SECTORS.

BEGIN UNDERLINE CUSTOMS MATTERS. END UNDERLINE
A DRAFT VALUATION CODE (DOCUMENT MTN/NTM/W/122) WAS FORMALLY SUBMITTED IN NOVEMBER 1977. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAVE AGREED TO EXAMINE THIS DRAFT CODE IN DETAIL AS A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON CUSTOMS VALUATION.

BEGIN UNDERLINE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. END
UNDERLINE DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT A GENERAL FORMULA OR FORMULAE OF AUTOMATIC APPLICATION. SEVERAL PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE BY DELEGATIONS IN THE PAST REMAIN ON THE TABLE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE SUBMITTED REQUEST AND INDICATIVE LISTS RELATED TO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND SIMILAR MEASURES UNDER THE PROCEDURES FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES AGREED UPON IN JULY 1977.

BEGIN UNDERLINE LICENSING. END UNDERLINE TWO DRAFT TEXTS ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES COVERING RESPECTIVELY "AUTOMATIC LICENSING" AND "LICENSING TO ADMINISTER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS" HAVE BEEN THE BASIS FOR WORK OVER THE LAST MEETINGS. FOLLOWING A REQUEST BY DELEGATIONS, THE SECRETARIAT HAS IN MTN/NTM/W/127 ESTABLISHED A DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE LATEST VERSION OF THESE TWO DRAFT TEXTS AND IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE TEXTS WOULD SERVE AS A STARTING POINT FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

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BEGIN UNDERLINE TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE. END
UNDERLINE A NUMBER OF MEETINGS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF A DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR

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PREVENTING TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE. FOLLOWING
THE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, A REVISED TEXT TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE AT THAT TIME
HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/119. WORK ON THIS
SUBJECT IS ALREADY ADVANCED, AND NEGOTIATIONS AND CON-
SULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING BETWEEN DELEGATIONS ON
ITS CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS.

BEGIN UNDERLINE NON-TARIFF MEASURES. END UNDERLINE
FOLLOWING THE DECISION TAKEN IN JULY 1977 CONCERNING
GENERAL PROCEDURES AS WELL AS SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUN-
TRIES ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES, A GREAT NUMBER OF DELE-
GATIONS HAVE TABLED REQUEST AND INDICATIVE LISTS CON-
CERNING SPECIFIC NON-TARIFF MEASURES MAINTAINED BY
OTHER COUNTRIES. UNDER THE GENERAL PROCEDURES, DELE-
GATIONS TO WHICH REQUESTS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED ARE
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SCHEDULED TO SUBMIT OFFERS BY THE WEEK BEGINNING

15 JANUARY 1978.

BEGIN UNDERLINE TROPICAL PRODUCTS. END UNDERLINE
SOME CONCESSIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS
HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY MOST DEVELOPED COUN-
TRIES. CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ONE
DEVELOPED COUNTRY AND INTERESTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AIMED AT IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S OFFER ARE
CONTINUING. CERTAIN REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONS WHICH
HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY MET HAVE BEEN RESUBMITTED IN
THE GROUPS "AGRICULTURE" AND "NON-TARIFF MEASURES"
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED PROCEDURES. A REVIEW OF
OVERALL PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL
PRODUCTS WITH A VIEW TO EXAMINING WHAT FURTHER
ACTION MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN THIS FIELD WILL BE HELD
IN DUE COURSE.

BEGIN UNDERLINE FRAMEWORK. END UNDERLINE DISCUS-
SIONS ON FIVE GROUPINGS OF ISSUES RELATING TO PROPOSALS
FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR
THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THESE
DISCUSSIONS HAVE HELPED TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR
NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT FINDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUES RAISED, HAVING REGARD TO
DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. END
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